

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

claims 1, 4, and 5 are being canceled by this amendment without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and claim 2 is being amended as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (currently amended) An automobile transmission for transmitting driving force of an engine to wheels while changing a rotation speed of a crankshaft of said engine, comprising:

a main shaft connected with said crankshaft through a clutch and having a plurality of first drive gears;

a counter shaft provided below and in parallel with said main shaft and having first driven gears meshing with said first drive gears and having a second drive gear;

a drive shaft provided below and in parallel with said counter shaft and having a second driven gear meshing with said second drive gear;

a front differential provided at a front end of said drive shaft;

a transmission case for accommodating said main shaft, said counter shaft, said drive shaft and said front differential; and

a space formed in a front part of said transmission case; and

~~The transmission according to claim 1, further comprising:~~

a center differential provided at a rear end of said counter shaft for distributing a driving force into one for front wheels and one for rear wheels; and

an extension case connected with a rear end of said transmission case for accommodating said center differential.

Claim 3. (original) The transmission according to claim 2, further comprising;

a sub transmission accommodated in said space for transmitting driving force of said engine to said main shaft through said counter shaft while reducing said rotation speed of said engine.

Claims 4-5. (cancelled)

Claim 6. (original) The transmission according to claim 3, wherein said sub transmission includes reduction gears mounted on said main shaft and said counter shafts.